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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	**Author's comment** *(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)*
Compulsory REVISION comments	**I have a few questions in the empirical section. Author's answers and explanations are needed to be included in the manuscript, so to avoid possible confusion.** **The empirical study considers many variables over years from 1998 to 2012 and are run with GMM.** **1st question: don't you have to test stationarity before running GMM?** ⇨ **a- If you did not test because of the limited number of observations (14 observations), you need to say that explicitly and that your paper is somehow an exercise (less than 30 observations).** ⇨ **b- I Suggest you represent each variable graphically (small graphs/charts) to show the scales and the fluctuations over years.** **2d question: in Section 4, second paragraph, you mentioned that you have chosen about 34 instruments.** ⇨ **A- I looked for them, I didn't find them. Did you list the instruments? If not please do.** ⇨ **B- The choice of the instrument must be tested (exogeneity test) before you select them.** ⇨ **C- In addition to the exogeneity test, you should also justify the choice of the instruments (logical, social or economic explanation)**	The instruments used in the GMM estimation are mainly the independent variables. It was our error to state that we used 35 instruments because, table 4 and table 5 show that, the number of instruments changed for one regression to another. GMM estimation technique has the advantage to solve the endogeneity problem. Therefore, it isn't necessary to run the exogeneity test.
Minor REVISION comments	**Nowadays in 2021, when we talk about terrorism, we cannot ignore Hezbollah who is considered as a terrorist group for more than 66 countries. EVEN IF HEZBOLLAH IS NOT POWERFUL IN AFRICA, it has become a reference or a benchmark to be added in the literature review.** **Hezbollah is considered the leader, the best, the top in terms of manipulating their followers through ICT.** **Hezbollah has one of the most if not the most powerful impact on terrorism through ICT.** **Hezbollah's (leader) speeches are extensively being analysed and research are recent (2019-2020-2021).** **I suggest adding in the literature, one paragraph of Hezbollah ITC on terrorism as a benchmark even if Hezbollah is not the main risk in Africa➔ your paper will be more up to date especially that your data are little bit old (till 2012).** **The paper is good, but at a technical empirical level, if my remarks are considered, the paper can easily be published.**	Thank you for the comment, but I humbly believe that even though Hezbollah is a leading group in global terrorism today, the fact remains that since our study is located in Africa, we were interested in groups that are located on that continent. Moreover, terrorist groups generally have the same operating techniques, with a few exceptions.

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Optional/General comments	In page 5, the last sentence before figure 1: "***The definition of all variables is represented in Table 1 while table 2 and 3 present respectively the descriptive statistics with the list of countries and correlation matrix***" I suggest to cut it and to paste it in page 3 after the last sentence "***…be investigated empirically***" , just before Table 2 title.	I did it, see the text

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	**Author's comment** *(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)*
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	*(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)*	No